GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF THOUSAND PILLAR TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought permission for illuminating and development of thousand pillar temple in Warangal;

(b) whether the senior officers of Archaeological Survey of India have inspected the site;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the government propose to start light and sound show in this temple for tourists attraction; and

(e) if so, the time by which this show is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to (e) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have requestedthe Archaeological Survey of India`s permission for a Sound and Light show at the Thousand Pillar Temple in Warangal. However, as the condition of the `Kalyana Mandapa` in the temple complex is in a precarious condition, it has to be dismantled and reconstructed again. This process would take a minimum of two years. It would not be possible to allow the sound and light show until the repairs are completed.